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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a Response to Restriction Requirement of Ueda, K. et al. in the above-identified patent application.

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This amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated June 1, 2004. Please reconsider the application in view of the amendment and remarks presented below.

**ELECTION OF SPECIES**

In the Office Action, the Examiner requested an election of species pursuant to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 between First Species: Fig 1; Second Species: Fig. 7; Third Species: Fig. 8; Fourth Species: Fig. 9 and Fifth Species: Fig. 11. Claims 1 and 16 are generic claims of First through Fifth Species.

In response, Applicants hereby elect Fourth Species: Fig. 9 for further examination and designate Claims 1, 5, 6, 7, 16, 20, 21 and 22 as reading on this species.

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